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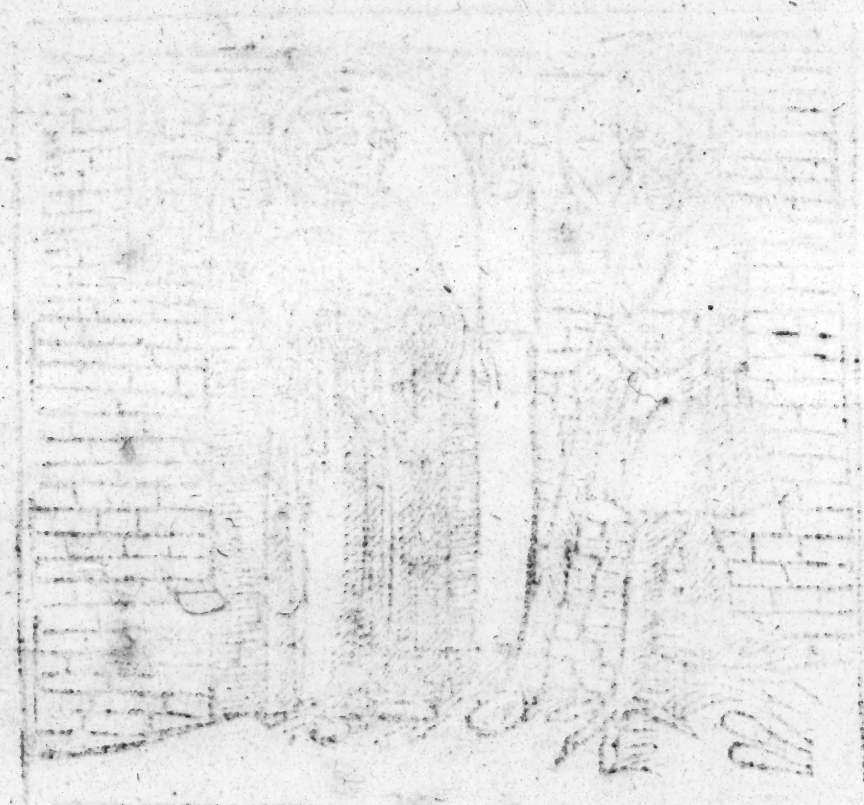
of Frier RVSH: how he came to a
house of Religion to seeke seruice, and being
entertained by the Priour, was first made
vnder Cooke.

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Being full of pleasant mirth and delight
for young people.



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¶ A pleasant History, how a Deuill
(named Rush) came to a Religious
house, to seeke a seruice,

There was sometime beyond the Sea,
edified and founded a certaine house
and Cloister of Religious men, which
house was founded at a great Forrests
side, for to maintaine the seruice of al-
mighty God, and daily to pray for their
benefactors and founders, and for the
saluation of their owne soules: which
place by reason of their founders and well disposed people
(which gane vnto it largely of their goods and possessions) in-
creased in riches, and euery man had gold and silver at their
will and also of meate and drinke they had great plenty: in so
much that they were so well at ease and had so much, that they
wist not what to doe they were so full of wantonnesse, where-
by the seruice of almighty G D D was not well maintained
among them: for oftentimes they said neither Mattins nor
Evensong: and through their great negligence they forgot
cleane the charge that they were bound to when they entred
into their Religion, and they liued more like beasts without
reason, then like men of good and holy conuersation: for they
haunted harlots and liued viciously, and the goods that was
giuen them by good and well disposed people, they spent in
vniuersitinesse and ribauldrie. And when the great Princes of
Deuils which are the Patronesses of all vices vnderstand of the
great misrule and vile liuing of these Religious men: consul-
ted to keepe them still in that state, and worse if it might be.
And these be the names of the Deuils.

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Belphegor who was Prince of Lustony, Asmodeus Prince of lechery, And Belzebub Prince of enuie, with many other Diuels assembled together, which reioyced for the misorder of these Religeous men. And as they were all assembled together with one accord, they chose a Diuell to goe and dwell among these Religious men, for to maintaine them the longer in their vngratulations living, which Diuell was put in rayment like an earthly creature & went to the Religeous house, and there hee stood at the gate a certaine space all alone with an heauie countenance. When within a while after the Prior came vnto the gate and espied Rush the yong man standing there all alone. Anon he said vnto him, what dost thou here, and what wouldst thou haue? The yong man with great reuerence answered and said: Sir, I am a poore yong man, and am out of seruice, and faine would haue a master. And Sir if it please you to haue me, I shall doe you diligent seruice, and shall doe so well that you and all your brethren and couent shall be glad of me, for I shall keepe so well your secrets, that I trust to obtaine at all times your good loue and fauour, and all theirs also.

And when the Prior had heard his words, he was moued with pittie, and said: Goe into the Kitchin to the Cooke, and shew him that I haue sent thee thither, and bid him shew thee what thou shalt doe: for thou shalt be with him a certaine season, till that some other better thing fall. When the yong man made his reuerence to the Prior, and thanked him, and forth he went to the Kitchin, where hee found the master Cooke. Anon he made reuerence vnto him, and said: Sir, my Maister the Prior hath sent me hitber vnto you, and he commaundeth you to shew me what I shall doe, for I must be here and helpe you. The maister Cooke answered and said, you be welcome. And anon he set him to such businesse as he had to doe. And thus the Diuell became vnder Cooke in the place that he was assigned vnto, by the Prince of Diuels. And then he said (laughing to himselfe) as followeth.

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These being the words of the Deuill.



I am right glad that my purpose
is come so well to passe, for now
all mine intent is fulfilled, and I
doubt not but all shall be ours: for
I shall make such debate and strife
among the friers, that they shall
neuer be at concord and peace. And
I shall make them good staves
wherewith the one shall beate well
the other: and often times they shall
lye together by the eares, in so much
that there was neuer seen nor heard
tell of such a rumour and discord in
no Cloister in the world. And I
shall vse my selfe so, that I shall be
in great loue and fauour among
them.

Then within foure or fve daies after, it fortuned that the
Priour came into the kitchen, and there he found the young
man, to whom he said, where wast thou bozne, and what is
thy name? The young man answered and said, Sir, I was
bozne very faire hence, and Rush is my name. Then said the
Priour vnto him, Rush canst thou couple wounds together?
Yea Sir (said Rush) that I can doe right well, and more then
that, for I can couple men and women together, which is a
more masticie, and also Sir (if neede be) I can conuay a faire
woman into your chamber, and conuay her home againe in
the morning so secretly, that no man shall spy it. And also
I shall keepe your counsaile so secretly, that it shall neuer be
knowne. And when the Priour heard Rush speake so hee was
right glad of him, and said: Rush, if thou canst doe as thou
hast said, I shall reward thee well for thy labour, and thou
shalt be my most welbeloued seruant: wherefore make an end

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of thy businesse, for soone, thou shalt goe a little way on a message for me, and so he departed and went to supper. And when every man had supped, and Rush had done all his businesse in the kitchen, he came vnto his Maister the Priour, and said, Sir, what is your will with me? the Priour answered, and said: heere a little beside dwelleth a faire gentlewoman, the which I loue very well, but I dare not discouer my minde vnto her my selfe: and if thou canst finde the meanes to bring her secretly vnto me, I shall rewarde thee right well for thy labour and paine. And when Rush had heard the words of his Maister, and knew all his minde, he answered and said, Sir, be of good cheere, and let me alone with the matter: for I shall goe vnto the gentlewomans house, and I shall say your message so well, that this night she shall come to you: and so departed Rush from his Maister, and went straight vnto this Gentlewomans house. And when he was thither come, he found the Gentlewoman sitting all alone. And when Rush was espied of her, he made vnto her great courtesie, and with many reuerences these words he said.

How a Diuell named *Rush* came vnto a Gentlewomans house and how he brought her priuily vnto his Masters chamber.

RECt you merry faire Mistresse, the most fairest creature in the world: My Maister greeteth you by me, desiring you to come and speake with him. Then said the Gentlewoman to Rush, who is your Maister, and what is his will with me? faire Mistresse, said Rush, I will shew you, my Maister is the Priour in a house of Religion here beside, and he loueth you so well, that except you come vnto him this night, I know he will be dead for sorow.

Here followeth the answer of the Gentlewoman.

And when the Gentlewoman had heard the words of Rush, she answered and said, Faire Sir, it were great pittie

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pittie that the Gentleman should die for my sake, and rather then he should so doe for me, I will come to him, and shew him all the courtesie that I can. Rush was very glad of those comfortable words, and thought that his enterprise was well brought to passe, and he said vnto her: Faire Distresse, may it please you to take the labour and goe with me, and I shall



bring you to my Master, and as I suppose, he will make you good cheare, and Gold and Siluer you shall lacke none, for hee hath great plenty thereof. Then saide the Gentlewoman, Sir, I pray you let vs depart hence: for as I suppose the Gentleman - looketh long for vs. So forth they went both together, till they came to the Priours Chamber: And when the Priour sawe that she

was come, he was the gladdest man in the world, and thanked Rush much for his labour and paine: And so the Priour received her into his chamber, and there he made her good chere, and they had good meat and wine great plenty. And when they had well refreshed themselves, Rush departed and went to the Kitchen, and left the Priour and the Gentlewoman alone, and there he saved the Priours life. And when Rush was in the Kitchen, hee said vnto himselfe: I am right glad that I have brought this matter so well to passe, and I doubt not but they will agree well enough together, for they be both of one accord. And when the other Friers perceiued that

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Rush was such a pziue fellow, and so well could keepe counsaile: they desired him to helpe them also, and so he did: for he brought to euery man, the woman that they most desired, whereof they had great meruaile. But they were so blinded with ignorance, that they neuer perceined that he was a very Deuill, but eueryman had him in loue and saueur.

How Frier Rush threw the maister Cooke into a kettell
of water seething vpon the fire,
whercin he died.

It befell vpon a day that Rush went forth to spozt him, and it was very late ere he came home againe, and the maister Cooke was very angry with him that hee was so long absent. And as soone as Rush was entred into the Kitchin: the Cooke began to chide, and said vnto him, thou hozson knaue where hast thou bene so long? and with a great staffe hee laid vpon Rush and beat him soze. And when Rush saw that the Cooke was angry, and so farre out of reason, and that he had beaten him soze: anon he began to waxe very angry with the maister Cooke, and said vnto him: thou hozson villaine, why hast thou beaten me thus: I will be reuenged on thee: and suddainly he



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caught him in h's armes, and threwe him into a great kettell which was full of water seething vpon the fire, and said, lye thou there in the Diuels name, for now thou shalt neither fight nor chide no more with me: and so Rush slew the maister Cooke. Then when he had so done, he departed out of the Kitchin, and went to the next Towne to fetch the faire woman againe for his Maister: and in his absence certaine of the Friers came into the Kitchin to speake with Rush, but they found no body sitting therein, and some of them went to stand by the fires side, to tarrie till Rush came in, for they thought he would not tarie long: And as they stood talking together by the fires side, they spied a man in the Kettell seething vpon the fire. And anon they perceiued that it was the maister Cooke, whereof they were greatly abashed. And with that (crying out) they went vnto the Priour and shewed him that the maister Cooke had drowned himselfe in a Kettell seething vpon the fire in the Kitchin: for which tydings the Priour was right sorrie. And in the meane season Rush came home, and had conueyed the woman into his Maisters chamber. And anon the Friers shewed Rush of the great misfortune that was fallen on the Maister Cooke in the Kitchin, and he made as he had bene sorrie therfore, and had knowne nothing thereof, and he was in such great loue & fauour with the Priour and all the Freres, that they mistrusted him nothing for that dede, and so there was no more mention of the Maister Cooke. Then the Priour commanded that Rush should be made Cooke, and all the Couent was right glad of that, and so he was himselfe also, for he thought his enterprises came well to passe after his minde, and as he would haue it. Thus Rush became Maister Cooke in the Kitchin, and dressed their meate merueilous well: for in the Lent, and in the Aduent, both Fridayes and also other dayes, he put Bacon into their pottage pot, which made the pottage to sauour very well, and he dressed their meate so dilligently, that the Priour and all the Friers had great meruaile that he did it so well: in so much

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that they said he did much better then their other Maister Cooke did, and that he was a more cunninger man in his occupation, and could doe much better in his office. Thus Rush continued in that office the space of seauen yeates, and did right well, and every man had him in loue and fauour. Then it fortuned vpon a day the Prior and his brethren were assembled together in a generall counsaile, and as they stood talking together, the Prior remembred Rush, and anon he said vnto his brethren: Friends we haue here Rush which is our maister Cooke in our kitchen, and he is an old seruant, and much diligent and true seruice he hath done to vs, and he hath continued among vs longer then any seruant that euer we had: wherefoze me thinke it reason, that hee were promoted into some other office, and made a brother among vs. Then all the whole consent with one voyce said they were content it should so be. So the Prior sent for Rush, and when he was come befoze him and all his brethren, the Prior said, Rush it is so, thou hast bene here a long season, and we haue found thee hitherto a true and diligent seruant, wherefoze we will that thou be promoted, and take vpon thee an habite as we haue, and become a brother among vs. Rush answered and said: my Maisters I thanke you all, and then the Prior gaue Rush an habite, and put it on his backe, and so Rush became a brother in the place, neuerthelesse he kept his office still.

How Frier *Rush* made Truncheons for the Friers
to fight withall.

When Rush had on the habite of a Frier, and was a brother in the place, he had more vacation dayes then he had befoze. And as a King or great Prince prepareth ordinances against their warres, in likewise did Frier Rush: for when all his businesse was done in the kitchen, and that he had layfure, he went and sate in the Porch of the utter gate, & there he was making of good bigge Truncheons of Oke. And
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he made them with Wills ouer the hand for slipping, of the which the other Friers had great meruaile, & demanded of him wherfore he made those Brunchcons. Rush answered and said: Faire Sirs, I make them for this intent, that if there come any thieues hither for to rob vs, and to spoyle our place, yet shall we haue weapons to defend vs withall. And therefore I make them. And moreover, when any neede shall be, come to me and euery man shall haue one, and they shall be ready at your commandement, and then the Friers thanked him and so departed. When it fortuned vpon a day, that the Prior and Subprior fell at discord, and were grievously angry, the one with the other, and would haue fought together but onely for shame: neuerthelesse, the anger abode still in their hearts, and all was for an harlot: within a while after, the noyse spred abroad among the Friers, that the Prior and the Subprior were fallen at discord, for the which they were angry in their mindes. And they that loued the Prior, took his part, and they loued the Subprior, took his part, and so they murmured among themselves. When they appointed in their mindes to reuenge their quarrells at one time or other, and so to make a more surer way in fulfilling their malicious mindes and angrey hearts, euery man after other went priuately to Frier Rush to lend them staves, in so much that there was not a Frier in the place but he had one, and they neuer went without their staves vnder their habite, and the one knew not that the other had any, they kept them so secretly. And when Frier Rush had deliuered all his staves, he was right glad in his heart, for he knew right well there should be a great fray among them, either one time or other. So it fortuned afterward, as it is a common custome among Religious people at an high feast, to keepe sollemne seruice, and euery man to be at Mattens at midnight: and so vpon a good night, all the whole Couent assembled together in the Quier, and were ready to begin Mattens, they carried for nothing but for the coming of the Prior. When anon the

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Priour came into the Quier, and sate him downe in his place, and as he looked about him, he espied that the Subpziour was there pzeasant, and with that his heart began to grudge of the olde anger that was fallen betwene them two: and he thought in his minde that he could neuer be reuenged in a better time, and sodainly he rose out of his place, and went to the Subpziour, and with his fist he gaue him a good buffet, and the Subpziour which was moued with the stroke, started vnto the Priour and gaue him another buffet, and with that they went freshly together by the eares, and when the other Friers saw that, euery man rose out of their places, and drew out their Truncheons, and together they went: who had beene there should haue seene good buffets giuen on both parties. And when Frier Rush saw that they were fighting together, anon he blew out all the Candles and Lamps that were burning in the Church, and left no manner of light therein whereby the one might see the other: and when he had so done, he toke his Truncheon in his hand, and went into the Quier among the thickest of the Friers the which were fighting freshly without ight, and there he laid so lustily about, that many of them he



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feiled to the ground, and left them lying there for dead, and when he had so done, he stole his way from them, and as he went, he found standing in the portall of the Quier, a great olde Deske, and anon he took the Deske betwene both his hands, and threw it out the portall into the Quier among all the friers, and hurt many sore, in so much that some had an arme broken, and some a legge, and other some had their noses cleane pared from their faces, that the bloud ranne into their mouthes, and as for broken heads to the hard scalpe were no dainty, for every man had one, there scaped none free a way. Who had bene there, should haue had goodly pastime to see the friers creepe about the Quier, and in neede of (Domine labia) they cried out alas and well away. When when the fray was done, and all the noyse ceased, Rush came in among them with a Candell in his hand, and made as if he had knowne nothing thereof, and said to them: Fie for shame Sirs, how fortun'd this disoord to fall among your selues? I see well now you regard not your honour, nor the good name of your place. All the people shall say ye be not honest, nor good Religious men, the which words I would be loath to heare, and I may not suffer our place so to fall in an euill name: wherefore good Maisters, I require you to set your hearts at rest, and put the matter into my hands, and I shall so deale, that all shall be well, and you shall be good friends againe, and no words shall be spoken thereof, then every man complained to him of their great hurt, and he made semblance as he had bene sore therefore and then they that could goe, went vp to their Cels, and they that could not goe, did creepe vp as well as they could, and laid them downe in their beds, and there they lay till they were whole againe, and in the space of three weekes and more God was euill serued, for in all that space they sung neither Mattins nor Quensong, nor neuer entred into the Church for it was suspended, and for shame they durst neuer let it be knowne. And when they were all whole, and every man vpon his seate againe, and might goe about the house, they brought

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again their stanes to Frier Rush, and thanked him much, and then Frier Rush said unto them: Sirs when ye haue neede of them againe, ye shall finde them here ready at your commandement, for which they gaue him thanks, and departed. When Frier Rush saw that they were gone, and that he had all his stanes againe, he laughed vnto himselfe and said: I am right ioyfull that mine enterprises be come so well to passe, for I haue done many mischenous deeds since I came first, and yet I will doe moze before I depart hence, for I shall cause them to be damned, and I shall bying their bodies and soules into the burning fire of hell, there to remaine worl'd without end, and of me shall be spoken a thousand peeres hereafter.

How Frier Rush grymed the Waggon with Tarre, and what cheare he made in the Country.

Another time it fortun'd that the Priour had a iourney to ride into the Country about a little businesse that hee had there to doe, and anon he called Rush his seruant vnto him and said, Rush goe thy way into the Court, and take with thee a dish full of greace, and greace well the wheeles and Axeltrees of the Waggon, and make all things ready against to morrow in the morning, for I must ride forth to morrow betimes, then Rush departed from his Maister, and went about his businesse, and in steed of greace, he toke a great vessel full of Tarre, and anointed the Waggon all over with it, both within and without, and especially in the place where the Priour should sit: and when he had done, returned to his Maisters chamber, then the Priour demanted of Rush, if he had done as he commanded him: yea Sir said Rush, ye may ride when please you, and so they went to their beds. Then on the morrow after, the Priour and Rush his seruant with his other company, rose vp very early in the morning for to accomplish their iourney, and forth they went vnto their Waggon, and when the Priour was entred therein, hee perceiued himselfe

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himselfe all to berayed and smeared, and all his clothes were filled therewith: and then he said to Rush, thou lewd fellow,



What hast thou done to this waggon that I am thus arrayed therein? Rush answered and said: Sir, I haue done nothing but as you commanded me. What is not so said the Pziour, for I commanded thes to take greace and greace but the whéles and the Speltrés, and thou hast taken Larre and anointed it all over, both within and without, Why hast thou done so? Sir said Rush, I understode you had me doe so. And when the Pziour sawe there was no other remedie, he commanded his seruants to make ready another Waggon, and in the meane season, the Pziour went into his Chamber, and put on another habite, and came againe and mounted into the Waggon and went their way, and along they rode, untill they came to thes iourneyes end. And when they were alighted at their lodging, the Pziour called for his supper, and anon euery thing was made ready, and the god man of the house and the Pziour sate doune to supper together, and made good chére, and then the Pziour called for wine of the best, and anon he had his commandement. And when the god man of the house and the Pziour had supped, Rush and his fellows sate
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downe to the reuerſion that their Maſters had left, but they had no wine: wherefore Ruſh was very ſad, and euer he muſed by what policie he might get ſome wine. And anon he called the wiſe of the houſe and ſaid: Miſtreſſe, I pray you fill a pottle of wine for me and my fellowes, and ſo ſhee did: and when that was gone, they called for another: and then they called for the third, and ſo ended their ſupper. Then on the morrow when the Priour had done all his buſineſſe, and was ready to returne home againe, he called for a reckoning. And anon, the good wiſe came in and gaue him a reckoning of all things, both horſe meate and mans meate; and at laſt, ſhee reckoned three pottels of wine that Ruſh and his fellowes had. And when the Priour heard, that his ſeruants had drunke ſo much wine: Anon he began to waxe very angry, and aſked her, who commanded her to fill in ſo much wine: the wiſe answered and ſaid: Sir, Ruſh your ſervant commanded me to fill it in, and he ſaid, that you ſhould pay therefor. Then anon the Priour called for Ruſh, and ſaid vnto him: Thou lewd knaue, why haſt thou drunke ſo much wine: Might no leſſe then pottels ſerue thee and thy fellowes: Sir, ſaid Ruſh, we haue not drunke ſo much, for your horſes haue had two of the pottels: my horſes, ſaid the Priour, what ſhould they doe with wine: Yes Sir, ſaid Ruſh, your horſes laboured ſorer then we did, and were very weary, and they had nothing but Hay and Dates: wherefore, me thought it needfull to giue them ſome good drinke in their courſe meate to comfort their hearts withall, and to cauſe them to be the luſtier, and to haue the better courage to bring you homeward. And when the Priour had heard that anſwere of Ruſh, and ſaw there was no remedy but patience: paid for the wine, and all things that he had taken there, and ſo rode home in his Waggon, and Frier Ruſh neuer went forth againe with his Maſter.

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How the Priour made Frier *Rush* Sexton among the Friers, and how he charged him to giue him knowledge how many Friers were absent from Mattins at midnight, and what they were.

When the Priour was come home, he made Frier Rush Sexton of the church, and his office was to ring the bell and to light the candles, and to call the Friers to Mattins at mid-night, and also the Priour commanded Rush & charged him, that he should take good heede that there were none of the Friers absent from mattins, and if there were, to giue him knowledge thereof, then saide Rush to his maister: Sir all your commandement shalbe fulfilled, and so they departed. And within thre or foute nights after, Rush espied certaine of the Friers that were absent, and he marked them well, and on the morrow after he presented them to the Priour, and anon the Priour caused them to come befoze him, and gaue them a check, for their being absent; in a little time, Rush had presented them all, which caused the Priour to be greatly offended with them: when they perceiued that Rush had made such complaints against them, they had him in much disdain, but they could not amend it: for he had them in such great feare, that neuer after they durst be absent, but well was he that might be first in the Quiet. When Rush perceiued the Friers had him in so great feare, he deuised to doe some mischeiuous thing among them; and vpon a night, a little befoze he should ring to mattins, he went and brake downe the staires of the Doxter, and when he had so done, he went and rung to mattins, and lighted the lamps & Candles in the Church, and went into the Doxter, and called vp the Friers, and so came and sate at the staires foote as he was wont to doe; he had sitten there but a while, but anon there came one, who thought no hurt but to goe soberly into the Quiet as he was wont to doe, and when he came to the staires downe he fell, and had a meruailous great fall;

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fall: then said Rush, thou art one. Presently there came another, and likewise downe he fell and had a soze fall, thou art two said Rush. Anon came the third frior, which had a mightie great bellie, and was a grosse man, and he made great hast, for he sea-



red that he should haue been last, & when he came to the staires, downe he fell on his fellows necks, and he was so great and so heauie, that almost he had mischioned his fellows that lay vnder him: thou makest thre said Rush. And with that there came seauen or eight together, and downe they fell all at once. Softly misters for shame, said Rush, ye come to many at once, ye were not wont to be so hastie, but now I perceiue well ye would deceiue me, and one would excuse the other, and therefore ye come so thicke to blind me in my tale: How should I now giue account to the Prior of them that be absent? Surely I cannot tell, but now

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into I see well, ye be too subtil for me, I would some other man
had mine office: and made as though he had bene very angrie
with them. Then the Fryers, such as could goe, though it
were to their paines, rose vp againe, and limping and halting
they went into the Quier, and they that fell first and lay vnder,
were soze hurt and could not goe, and specially the Fryer
with the great belly: yet neuerthelesse, they crept into the
Quier, as well as they could. And when they were all assembled
together in the Quier, each of them complained to other of
their great hurts, and so they began Mattins: who had bene
there, should haue heard a heauy song and sad, for they were
not merry in their hearts, their paines were so great. When
Mattines were done, they that could goe, went vp againe into
their lodgings, and they that could not goe, lay still in the
Quier all night: On the morrow word was brought to the
Prior of the great misfortune that was fallen among the Fry-
ers at midnight: for the which misfortune the Prior was
greatly displeased and angrie in his minde, and thought verily it
was Rushes doede, for hee had done many euill turnes before.
Then the Prior sent for Rush to come speake with him, and
when he was come, the Prior said vnto Rush, how fell this mis-
fortune to night among the Fryers, that they be so soze hurt?
Sir, said Rush, I shall shew you it is not unknowne vnto you,
that when you put me first into this office, ye commanded me
to giue you knowledge when any of my brethren were absent
from Mattines, and so haue I done diuers times, whereby
many of them haue bene shent and chidden by you, and for
that cause, they owe mee ill will, and saine would haue me
out of this office, if they will how. And so to accomplish their
desire, and to cause you to be displeased with me: I will shew
you what they haue done this night. Sir, it is so, that when
the time was come, I rung to Mattines and lighted candles,
and made all things ready, and when I had so done, I went
into the Doxter to euery mans Cell and called them vp, then
I went and stood at the staire foot, for to tell them as they

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came downe, as I was accustomed to doe, and to know who came to mattins, and who did not, and for spite that I should not reckon them, they came all on a cluster, and for hast the one thrust the other downe the staires, and he that had the greatest belly, had the hardest fall; now if they hurt themselves, what might I doe with all? And when the Pziour had heard the wordes of Rush, he wist not what to say, but for to boyde all tribulations and misfortunes that might fall in time to come, he put Rush out of his office, and set him in the Kitchin againe, and when he was there all alone, he laughed to himselfe and said: this enterpryse is well brought to passe, and I have made a good scuse thereof to the Pziour, yet will I doe more ere I depart out of this place.

How Rush went forth a sporting, and was late forth, and how in his way comming home, he found a Cowe, which Cowe he deuided into two parts, the one halfe hee tooke on his necke and caried it with him, and the other halfe he left still: and how soone he had made it ready for the Friers suppers.

IT befell vpon a time that Rush when all his businesse was done in the Kitchin, he would goe forth into the Country to sycot him, and to passe the time with good company: as he walked on his way, his chaunce was to come into a village, which was two or thre mile from the place where hee did dwell, and when he was entred into the village, hee looked round about him in euery corner to finde out some company to make merry withall: and at the last, espied an Alehouse, and in he entred, and there hee found good fellows playing at Cardes, and drinking, and made cheare: then Rush made obeysance to them, and sate downe among them, and drank with the players, and afterward he fell to play, and was as merrie as any man in the company: and so long he played and passed the time, that cleane hee had forgotten what he had to doe at home, and the day went fast away, and the night approached.

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proached. Anon Rush looked vp and perceined that it was all
most night, remembred himselfe that there was nothing rea-
die at home for the Priours supper and Couent, and it was al-
most supper time, wherefoze he thought it was time to depart
thence, so he payed for his drinke and toke his leaue, and home-
ward he went, and in his way he found a fat Cowe graasing in



the field, and sodainly he deuided her into two parts, and the
one halfe he left lying there still and the other halfe he toke on
his necke and carried it home, and quickly hee made it ready;
some he put in the pot, and some vpon the spit, and he made a
great fire and set on the pot, and laid to the spit: and he made
meruallous good pottage, and roasted the meate very well, and
he made such speede, that euery thing was ready by the houre
accustomed to goe to supper, whereof the Priour and all the
Friers had great meruaile, that he had made euery thing rea-
die so soone, and was so well done: for they knew that it was
late ere he came home: for some of the Friers had bene in the
kitchin a little before, and saw neither Cooke nor fire,
nor any thing prepared toward supper: wherefoze
they gaue great praise to Rush, and
said, he was very quick
in his office.

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How a Farmer of the Priors sought his Cowe, and how he was
desolated by the way homeward, and was faine to lye in
a hollow Tree : and of the vision
that he had.

There was a poore Husbandman, dwelling there beside,
which was a Farmer of the Priors : the which poore man
had a Cowe abroad in the fields, that was accustomed every
night to come home at a certaine houre, and neuer failed. And
at the last a mischaunce fell vnto her, so; frer Rush had slaine
her as she stode in the field, and so shee failed of her comming
home at her houre as shee was wont to doe. And when the
poore man sawe that his Cowe came not home: he thought in
his minde it was not well with her, so forth he went in an eue-



ning so; to seek his Cowe,
and so long hee trauailed
about in the fields, that at
the last hee found the one
halfe of the Cowe lying
there : but the other halfe
was cleane gone, and shee
was so cleanly deuised in
two parts, that hee imagi-
ned in his minde, that it
was not possible to be done
but by mans hands, so; if
any wilde beastes had done it
they would haue spoyled
the flesh : so hee returned
homeward againe, and ere
hee came at the halfe way,
the night was so darke that
he could not see which way
hee went, and so hee went
out

out of his way, and house could hee finde none: and at the last he came to an hollow Tree wherein he sat him downe, thinking there to take his rest all night, and he had not sitten there but a while: but anon there assembled a company of Devils, and among them they had a great principall Master whose name was Lucifer, and hee was the first that spake: and the first that was called, was a Deuill named Belzebub, and with a loud voyce, he said vnto him: Belzebub what hast thou done for vs? Belzebub answered and said: Sir I haue caused debate and strife to fall betwene brother and brother, insomuch the one hath slaine the other: that is well done said the master Deuill, thou shalt be well rewarded for thy labour. Then swyth he called another Deuill, named Incubus, and demanded of him what he had done: Sir said Incubus, I haue caused great debate and strife, to fall betwene two Lords, through the which they haue had great warres, and many men haue bene slaine: then said the master Deuill, thou art a true seruant to vs, thou shalt be well rewarded for thy great labour and paine. Then said the great master vnto another Deuill, named Norpell, what hast thou done for vs? Sir said Norpell, I haue bene among players at the Dice and Cardes, and I haue caused them to sweare many great oathes, and the one to slea the other: and also I haue caused debate and strife to fall betwene man and wife, and caused the wife to cut her husbands throat: that was well done said the Master, thou shalt be well rewarded for thy labour. Then swyth came another Deuill named Downefest, and said: Sir I haue caused two old women to fight so sore together, and to beate each other about the head, that their eyes flew out: that was well done said the master Deuill, with much thanks thou shalt be well rewarded for thy labour. Then swyth stepped Frier Rush freshly, and with a good courage, and said: Sir, I am in a Religious place, and I gouerne the Prior and his Couent as I will my selfe, and they haue me in great loue and fauour: for I doe them many great pleasures, and I haue brought them faire

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faire wenches every man one when they lust, and divers times
I haue caused debate and strife to fall among them, and I haue
made them slaues and caused them to fight killy together,
and to breake each others head, and their armes and legges,
and yet will I doe moze among them ere I depart out of the
place, for I shall make so great debate and strife among them,
that the one shall slay the other, and they shall come and dwell
with vs in hell, and burne in perpetuall fire without end.
Then said the maister Deuill to Rush: if thou haue done as
thou hast said, thou hast done well thy part, and I pray thee
be diligent thy selfe about thy businesse, and stirre them to sin,
and specially to these thre: that is to say, Wrath, Gluttony, and
Lechery, and briefly to make an end of thy enterpryse, and
slip it not: and when thou hast done, come home, and thou shalt
be highly exalted and well rewarded for thy great labour and
paine. When Rush had tolde his tale: the great maister Deuill
commanded every Deuill to goe his way and doe the best
he could, and thus they departed: some went one way and
some another: and thus they were scattered abroad in the
world, to finish and make an end of their enterpryses that they
had taken in hand. And when the poore husbandman which
sate in the Tree, sawe that all the Devils were departed and
gone: he reioyced in his heart and was right glad thereof, for
as long as they were there, hee was euer in great feare and
dread, and he was afraid that they shoud haue seene him
there, and euer he prayed vnto almighty God to be his guard,
and saue him from that foule and euill fauoured company of
Devils, and to send him the light of the day that he were gone
out of that place, for hee was weary that he abode there so
long, and oftentimes he looked vp, so see if he could perceiue
any light of the day whereby he might see to depart thence, for
till then he durst not once stirre out of that place, for he feared
that they had bene there still. Then within a while after,
the day began to appeare, and when hee perceiued that: anon
he started vp and looked round about him abroade in the fields,
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and when he perceiued that there was no body stirring, he thanked Almighty God that he was so preserved out of that great leoparde, and so departed.

How the Farmer which lay in the Tree, came vnto the Priour on the morowe after, and tolde him the wordes that he had heard, and the wordes of Frier Rush, and that hee was a very
Deuill.

As soone as the day began to appear, the poore Farmer arose out of the Tree, and tooke his way straight to the Priour, and he would neuer rest vntill he had spoken with him, And when he was come to his presence, anon he said: Sir, this night hath fortun'd vnto me a great aduenture: how so said the Priour: Sir, yester-night late in the Euening, I walked forth into the fieldes to seeke a Cow which I haue missed this foure or fise dayes, and so long I wandred vp and downe, till at the last I found the one halfe of my Cow, but the other halfe was gone: And as I would haue returned home againe, I was benighted, so much, that I lost my way: Then I knewe not whether to goe, but spying a hollowe Tree, I sate me downe, thinking there to take my rest till the day appeared againe: and I had not sitten there but a small time, but instantly there was assembled together a great Company of Devils, which made a most fearful and terrible noyse, whereof I was sore affraid.

They had among them a great Diabler named Lucifer, who called all the rest to make a reccoming of all their seruice which they had done, since their departure out of Hell: There I heard many merquillous tales. At the last, forth came Fryer Rush, then said the great Diabler Lucifer vnto him, Rush, what hast thou done since thou departed out of Hell: And he answered, that he had ruled you, and all your Content, and caused you to chide and fight, and were neuer at vnitie among your selues: and he said he had caused you to liue viciously, and yet he said,

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hee would see moze ere he departed out of this place, for he will cause you to kill one another, and then you should be damned in Hell, both body and soule. And so euery Deuill departed, and went about their businesse. Wherefore take heed, for he is a very Deuil. And when the Prior had heard the words of the Farmer, he thanked him for his labour, and so they departed, the Farmer went home to his house, but the Prior was mouellously abashed at the words of the Farmer, and went into his chamber and was much grieved in his heart that he had so lewdly misordered himselfe against his Lord God, and with great contrition hee kneeled downe vpon his knees, and asked Almighty God mercy, and forgiveness for the great and grieuous offences that he had committed and done against him, and that he had so vildly misused the offer of his Religion. And when he had thus done, he departed out of his chamber and went into the Cloister, and caused all his brethren to come together, and when they were all assembled, the Prior told them euery word as the husbandman had told him, and that Rush was a very Deuill, and no earthly creature; at the which they were soze astonished, and were rightly sorry in their hearts, that they had followed him so much in his minde, and done after his counsell, and were heauy in their hearts for their great and abhominable sinnes that they had committed and done, & with great contrition they kneeled downe vpon their knees, and desired Almighty God, for grace and pardon. When the Prior caused euery man to fall to contemplation and prayer. Then forth they went and did the Priors commandement, and briefly made them ready, and went to prayer all at once. And when they were come to the middell of their seruice, the Prior departed out of the Church and went to the Kitchin, wherein hee found Rush who was there very buisie: then the Prior commanded him to stand still, and by vertue of Almighty God and of all the company of Heauen, he coniuered Rush into the likenesse of a Horse, and commanded him to goe and stand at the gate in the same place that hee
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stood in when he came thether first, and to stand there till service was done: so forth went Rush in the likenesse of a Horse, and stood at the gate as the Priour had commanded him.



And when service was done, the Priour and his brethren went to the gate to see what case Rush was in: and when they were come thether they found him standing in the likenesse of a Horse. Then they demanded him to what intent he came into their place, and why he tarried there so long: Sir said Rush: I came hither to cause you to doo all mischief as is aforesaid, and yet I would haue done moze ere I had gone hence: for I would haue caused you to slay one another, and to be damned both body and soule. And when they had heard the words of Rush, euery man held vp his hands and thanked Almighty God, that they had so well escaped that great misfortune. When Rush desired the Priour licence to depart thence, and promised that he would neuer moze come there, nor doe any man moze hurt: vpon that condition the Priour gaue him leaue to depart. Thus Rush departed from that place, and the Fryers went to their Cloister,

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Her, and lived there solitarie and chaste euer after, and serued
Almightie God better then euer they did befoze.

The Lamentation that Rush made when he was
departed out of the House of
Religion.

When Rush was banished out of the house of Religion,
and was turned into the same likeness that he was,
Then he wandred abroad in the world with a very heavy heart,
speaking these wordes, he said: Alas, alas, what shall I doe: I
knowe not now whether to goe, for all my seauen yeares la-
bour is lost. And as he wandred about, by fortune he met with
his Master Lucifer, but he would not haue seen him by his will:
nevertheless his Master espied him quickly and said to him Rush
what tydings with thee: Sir said Rush, I haue lost all my la-
bour that I haue gone about this vy. yeares. How so said Luci-
fer? Sir, I shall shewe you said Rush. The last time that we
were assembled together, there was a poore man lay in an olde
Tree hard beside vs, and he heard all that we said: and when
we were departed, he arose and went vnto the Prior and shew-
ed him all that we said, and especially the wordes that I had
spoken, and so all my labour is lost, and I am banished that
place. Well, said the Master Deuill to Rush, thou shalt goe
some other way, and looke if thou canst finde any thing to doe:
Then Rush walked about in the Country, and long it was ere
he could get any seruice: At last he fortun'd to come vnto a hus-
bandmans house which lacked a seruant, where he was enter-
tained, but sate against the wifes consent, for this husbando-
mans wife was a very faire woman, and she loued well the pa-
rish Priest, and he loued her aswell, insomuch that often times
they made good Chere and banquetted together, and so continu-
ed and kept company together a long time. Wher meeting was
so priue and so secret, that it was neuer known, and they were
euer fure enough of the good man, for he was accustomed euer
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morning to rise early and to goe farre into the Field, and because his wife would prevent his coming home to dinner, she would alwayes giue him his vittailles in a bag with him, and a bottle full of drinke, to the intent that he should tarrie in the Fieldes from morning untill night: she would not suffer him to keep a servant, nor to haue any manner of help: for she was afraid, that if they should haue a servant, her secrets should be knowne: and the goodman also feared, that if he should take a servant, that he would haue but little lust to tarrie there: for the Devil himselfe could not endure the chiding and brawling of that woman: by which meanes she kept her husband without a servant a long time: for she knew well, that as long as her husband was in the field, the Priest and the night haue their meeting: but at length she was deceived.

Now Rush came to a Husband-man (labouring in the Field) and desired to be entertayned into his service.

Rush trauielling vp and downe, came to a Husbandman who was labouring in the field, being all alone, and spake these



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words vnto him: Rest you merry sir, me thinkes you take great paines to worke so sore your selfe: will it please you to entertaine a seruant? I am a yonge young man & am out of service, and I am very willing to serue you if you please: and I trust to doe you such seruice, as shall be to your good content: The husbandman answered him, and said; yonge man, I would gladly giue you entertainement, but my wife will neuer be pleased with any seruant that shall come vnto my house: Sir, said Rush, let me alone, for I shall so worke the matter, that my Dame shall be well pleased with me: well said the husbandman, tarry with me till I haue done my businesse, and thou shalt goe home with me: when he had finished his dayes worke, Rush went home with him, they were no soner come into the house, but the wife espying Rush, she began to glorne and to looke maruellous angerly at him: which the godman perceiuing, he said vnto her, Dame, I pray thee to be contented, thou knowest well enough that I haue more labour to doe, then I am able to make an end of alone, and therefore I haue hired this yonge man to helpe me: when his wife heard these words, she was more angry then before, and began to bridle and scolds as if the Deuill had bene in her, and said vnto him: what a vengeance haest thou to take a seruant: thou art able enough thy selfe to doe all the businesse that we haue to doe, and why should we take more charge vpon vs then we are able to beare: but now I perceiue thou art giuen to laziness, and hast little minde to worke thy selfe: when the godman heard her so highly displeased, he said, Dame, I pray thee be contented, the yonge man is honest, and he hath promised me to be a good seruant: yet for all these speeches, she would not be pacified, but bridled still: when Rush perceiued her great impacience, he said vnto her: Dame I pray you be contented, and be not angry with me, for you shall haue no cause, my Master hath hired me but for a while, vpon a tryall, and I trust in that time, so to behaue my selfe, as to giue you both content: and when my time commeth out, if you like my

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seruice you shall haue it before any other whatsoeuer : if not, I will be very well content to depart. When the wife heard Rush speake so reasonably, she pacified herselfe, and said no more: which caused the good man to be very glad, and so she set them to supper, and as they sate at meate, Rush demanded of his master what he should doe the next day : his master answered, thou must rise early and goe to the field, and make an end of that which I was about this day ; (which was a great dayes worke) so when they had supt they went to bed. Early in the morning Rush arose and went to the field, and wrought so lustily, that he had done his worke betimes : so when his master came to bring him his breakfast, all his worke was finished, whereat his master had great maruaile : then they sat downe to breakfast, which being ended they went home, and did such things as were there to be done : when his Dame saw that hee had so sone ended his businesse, she thought he was a profitable seruant, and said little but let him alone. In the evening Rush demanded of his Master what hee should doe the next morning : his Master appointed him twice as much as hee did the day before, which Rush refused not, but got vp early in the morning, and went to the field, and about his worke ; so sone as his Master was ready, he took his mans breakfast and came to the field, thinking to helpe Rush : (but he was no soner come from his house, but the Priest came to see his wife, and presently she made ready some good meate for them to be merry withall, and while it was a dressing, they sate sporting together, who had bene there should haue seene many louing touches. And when the good man came into the field, he found that Rush had done all that which he appointed, whereof he had great maruaile : then they sate downe to breakfast, and as they sate together, Rush beheld his Masters shone, and perceiued that for fault of greasing they were very hard : When said Rush to his Master, why are not your shoes better greased, I maruaile that you can goe in them, they be so hard : Haue you

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you no more at home: Yes said his Maister, I haue an other payze at home, lying vnder a great Chest in my Chamber: Then said Rush, I will goe home and grease them, that you may put them on this next morning: and then he walked homewards merrily, and sung by the way. And when he approached neere the house, he sang out very loude: with that, his Dame looked out at the windowe, and perceined that it was her seruant: She said vnto the Priest, alas, what shall we doe now: our seruant is come home, and my Husband will not tarry long after him, and with that she thrust the meat into the Duen, and all things else that was on the Table. Where shall I hyde me said the Priest: Goe into the Chamber and creepe vnder the great Chest among the cloe shoes and, I will coner you, and so he did: And when Rush was come into the house, his Dame



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finds the Priest againe. Then forth went Rush into the stable, and toke a great Forke in his hand, and began to make up the straws: and when he came to the heape, that the Priest lay in, the which seemed to him to be very great, yet notwithstanding



with his Forke he toke all up at once, and carped it out of the stable, and layde it on a great heape of Ducks that lay there, and with his forke he shaked the straw abroad, and when hee had shaken out a little, anon hee was aware of the Priest's Calve: then he said, what a Devil art thou? and with his forke he turned the heape, and then hee perceived that the Priest was come againe: then with his forke he gaue him three or foure good dry stripes and said, whoreson Priest, what dost thou here? thou promised me the last day neuer more to come here, and now I see thou art a false Priest, but now I shall make an end of thee, and then shalt thou neuer deceiue me more. And when the Priest heard him say so, he fell upon his knees

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knees and held by his hands, and prayed Rush to save his bo-
no: once againe and he would neuer come there more, and if
he did then to doe with him what he would.

Thus Rush let the Priest goe the second time.

How Rush came home and found the Priest in the Cheese-
basket, and how he trayled him about
the Towne.

Then within a fortnight or three weekes after, the Priest
thought hee was long absent from the Husbandmans
wife. And though it should cost him his life, yet would hee goe
thether once againe: And on a day hee perceiuing the goodman
was gone to the field, hee take his way vnto the house, and
was so hasty, that as soon as he was entred into the house, hee
caught the wife and would haue imbraced her, but she quick-
ly got from him againe, and went and prepared good cheere
for him, as she was wont to doe: for they thought themselves
sure enough for the time, but yet they were deceiued: For
when the goodman was come to the field, Rush had done all
his businesse, then they sat downe and brake their fast with
Bread and Cheese, and as they sate eating, Rush spied a haire
in the Cheese, and then he said to his Waster, I trow my Dame
would payson vs, or else she washed not the Basket that the
Cheese lyeth in, behold it is all full of haire, I will goe home
and wash the basket and make it cleane: so leauing his Wa-
ster in the field and walking homeward, hee sung merrily all
the way. And when he approached neare the house, the Wife
knew his voyce and perceiued that he was conuning. Then
wringing her hands she said vnto the Priest, goe hyde you, or
else you be but dead. Where shall I hide me said the Priest:
Goe by into the chamber and leape into the Basket that han-
geth out at the window, and I shall call you when he is gone
again. Then anon in came Rush, and she asked him why he
came home so soone: then said Rush, I haue done all my busi-
nesse in the field, and my Waster hath sent me home to wash

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your Cheese basket, for it is full of haire, and so he went into the Chamber, and with his knife hee cut the rope that the basket hung by, and downe fell Priest and all into a great poole of water that was vnder the window: then went he into the stable for a horse and rode into the poole, and toke the rope that hung at the basket, and tying it to the horses taylor, rode through the poole three or foure times. Then he rode through the Towne to cause the people to wonder at him, and so came home againe. And all this while he made as though he had knowne nothing, but looking behind him, espyed the Priest. Then hee alighted downe, and said vnto him: Thou shalt neuer more escape me, thy life is lost. With that, the Priest held vp his hands and said here is hundred peces of gold, take them and let me goe. So Rosh toke the gold and let the Priest goe. And when his Master came home, he gaue him the halfe of his money, and bad him fare well, for he would goe see the world.

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How *Rush* became Seruant to a Gentleman, and how the
Deuill was Coniured out of the body of the
Gentlemans Daughter.

When Rush was departed from the husbandman, hee
went abroad in the Countrey, to looke if he could finde
any moze aduentures: and so long he trauelled about, that at
last he espyed a great Gentlemans place, vnto the which hee
tooke his way. And when he was come thither, as chance was,
he found the Gentleman walking vp and down before his gate.
And when Rush was approached neare vnto him, he put off his
bonet and saluted him saying: Kest you merry good Gentle-
man, Welcome said he: Sir, said Rush, I am a poore young
man and am out of seruice, and faine would I haue a good Ma-
ster. What Countryman art thou said the Gentleman & from
whence comest thou: Sir, said Rush, I was bozne farre hence
and many a mile haue I gone to seeke a good seruice, but none
can I find. What canst thou doe said the Gentleman, and what
is thy name: Sir said Rush, I can doe any manner of thing
that shall please you to set me vnto, & Rush is my name. Then
said the Gentleman vnto him, Rush tarry here with me, and I
will retaine thee vnto my seruice. When Rush heard the Gen-
tleman speake so, hee thanked him much and tarried there.
Then as the Gentleman and Rush went talking together, the
Gentleman said vnto him, Rush thou hast trauelled farre, and
gone through many strange Countries: canst thou shew me
where to finde any man, can Coniure a spirit out of a womans
body: Sir, said Rush, why aske you me that question: I shall
shew thee, said the Gentleman, I haue a Daughter which is a
faire young woman, but she is soze troubled in her minde, and
as I suppose she hath some Deuill within her body. Sir, said
Rush, I pray you let me see her, and I trust speedily to finde re-
medy for her. Then the Gentleman brought Rush into the place
and shewed him his Daughter. And when he saw her he know-
what she had within her body: Anon he said vnto the Gentle-
man, sir, there is remedy enough for this. Well said the Gen-
tleman,

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tleman, if thou canst finde me any that can helpe her thereof, I will reward him well for his labour, and then also. Sir, I will shew you what is to be done, there is a place of Religion a forty or fifty miles hence, whererein I was a servant a long time, and the Prior is a cunning man in that science: and I doubt not, but if he were here even now he should be holpen within this houre. When the Gentleman heard the words of Rush, he reioiced in his heart and was full glad of that good tydinge. And on the morrow after, the Gentleman sent his servant with his letters vnto that house of Religion, desiring the Prior to come and speake with him. When the Prior had read the Gentlemans letters, and knew for what cause he was sent for, he made him ready to ride with the messenger. When forth they rode, and the next day they arrived at the Gentlemans place. When the Gentleman understood that the Prior was come, he was glad and went to the gate, and with great reuerence he received the Prior, and brought him into his place. When the Gentleman commanded his servant to fill a cup of Wine, that the Prior and he might drinke together. And when they had drunke and refreshed themselves well, they walked forth into a faire Garden, and then they communed together of many things, and when they had finished all their communications, the Gentleman said vnto the Prior: Sir, the cause that you be come hether is this. It is so, that I have a young Gentlewoman to my daughter, which is grievously vexed and troubled in her minde, and as I suppose she hath some wicked spirit in her body, and sir, it was shewed me by a servant of mine which was long servant in your place, that you could helpe her. Sir, said the Prior what is his name? The Gentleman said his name is Rush. And when the Prior heard his name he knew him well enough, and said vnto the Gentleman, Sir, cause the Gentlewoman to come before me, and I trust in Almighty God, shortly to finde a remedy for her, and when the Gentleman heard the Prior speake so, he was glad in his heart, and commanded in all hast to bring forth his Daughter before the Prior:

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Diabolus: and when she was come into his presence, he commanded her to kneele downe vpon her knees, and also he commanded her Father and her Mother, and all the company that were there present, in likewise to kneele vpon their knees, and pray vnto Almighty God for the young Gentlewoman. And then he himselfe said certaine prayers ouer her: then he lifted vp his hand and blessed her, and incontinent there flew a great Demill out of her mouth. And the Pytour bound the Demill so,



that neuer after he came there. Thus was the young Gentlewoman restored to her right minde and health againe. Then the Gentleman would haue giuen to the Pytour a great summe of money for his labour, but he would take none, but said vnto the Gentleman: Sir I haue a new Church in building, and I lacke Leade to cover the rose: and as it is informed me, this is a plentiful Countrey thereof. Therefore Sir, if it will please you to giue me as much as shall serue me, I and my Brethren shall be your daily beadsmen, and you shall be prayed for as long as the world endureth.

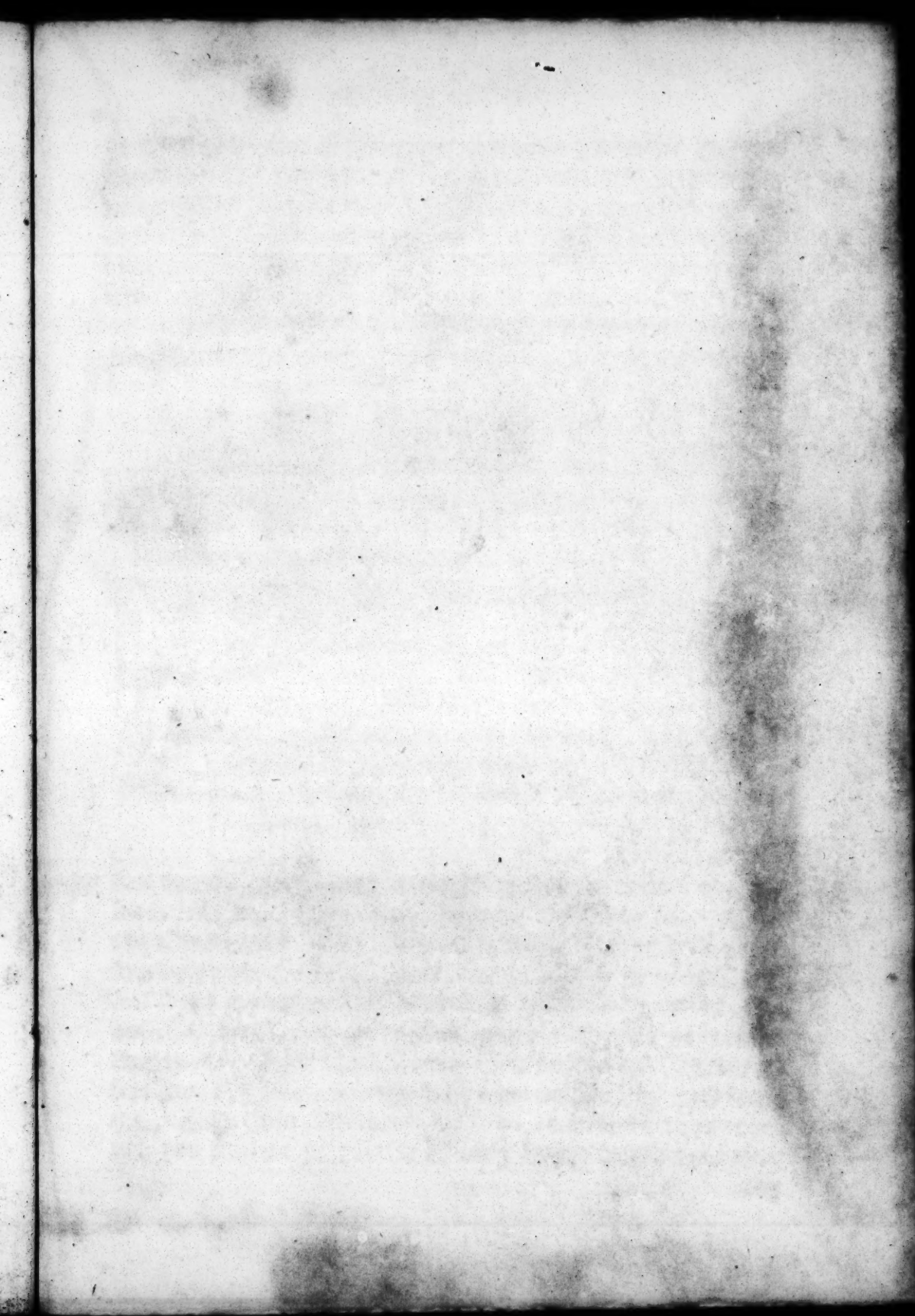
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He shall have as much as shall serve you, saide the Gentleman;
But how will you doe for the cartinge? Well enough saide the
Priour. When the Gentleman brought him to a great heape of
Lead, and bad him take as much as would serve him presently
the Priour called forth Rush, and commanded him to take
on his necke so much Lead as would cover his Church, and
beare it home, and come againe quickly. So Rush took the
Lead on his necke at once and carryed it home, and he was there
again within halfe an houre. When the Priour toke his
leave of the Gentleman and departed, commanding Rush to
bring him home also. When Rush took him on his necke, and
within one quarter of an houre hee was at home. When the
Priour coniured Rush againe into his stone likeness, and com-
manded him to goe into an olde Castle that stood there
within the Forrest, & never more to come out, but
to remaine there for ever. From which De-
vill and all other Devils, defend
us good Lord.

Amen.

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